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	Examiner Hal I. Kaplan	Art Unit 2836	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 May 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 9-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 13-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 12 and 16-21 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 August 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. PCT/SE02/01790.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

3. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

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4. Claims 1, 3, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the US patent of Krishna (6,515,240) in view of the US patent of Hiwatahi (4,146,758).

As to claim 1, Krishna discloses a rotary light switch (11) for vehicles configured to be oriented between a plurality of fixed rotational positions (91-95) for operating a plurality of different lighting groups (see column 5, lines 38-41; column 6, lines 49-53; and Figure 3) and a plurality of spring-loaded (62) axial positions also for operating a plurality of different lighting groups, and wherein a first axial position with a corresponding first lighting function is activated by a pulling movement from a neutral ("off") position (see column 2, lines 31-57). Krishna does not disclose an axial position with a corresponding lighting function activated by a pushing movement.

Hiwatahi discloses a rotary switch (16) configured to be oriented between a plurality of fixed rotational positions (channels) and a plurality of spring-loaded axial positions (channels 1-20 or 21-40), wherein a first axial position with a corresponding first function is activated by a pushing movement (see column 2, lines 23-48 and 56-60, and Figures 1 and 2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to have modified the switch of Krishna by adding an additional function activated by a pushing movement from the neutral position, in order to increase the functionality without requiring an additional switch or having to make the switch significantly larger in size.

As to claim 3, an activated axial position of the switch of Krishna is indicated by an illuminated symbol (20,91-95) (see column 2, lines 58-60; column 5, lines 32-41; column 6, lines 47-57; and Figure 3).

As to claim 9, the first and second axial positions of Krishna correspond to two different fog lamp functions (see column 6, lines 51-52 and 56-57).

5. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krishna in view of Hiwatahi as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of the US patent of Schultz (3,500,120).

As to claim 2, Krishna in view of Hiwatahi disclose the functions of switched off, parking lights, and headlamps (see column 5, lines 38-40 and Figure 3), but do not disclose the function of headlamps with auxiliary light. Schultz discloses a switch wherein the switch positions correspond to lighting functions of switched off, parking lights, headlamps, and headlamps with auxiliary light (see column 6, lines 39-53 and column 7, lines 57-62). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to have modified the switch of Krishna in view of Hiwatahi to include the function of headlamps with auxiliary light, in order to allow a user to control auxiliary lights in conjunction with the headlamps.

6. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krishna in view of Hiwatahi as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of the US patent of Williams et al. (4,900,946).

As to claim 10, Krishna in view of Hiwatahi disclose all of the claimed features,

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as set forth above, except for the claimed headlamp interrupt and marker interrupt functions. Williams discloses a switch wherein first and second positions correspond to the functions headlamp interrupt and marker interrupt (see column 2, lines 38-42). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to have built the switch of Krishna in view of Hiwatahi with the axial positions corresponding to the functions headlamp interrupt and marker interrupt, in order to allow a user to control these functions without requiring an additional switch.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 11-21 allowed.

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 11-21 are allowed because none of the prior art of record discloses or suggests the combination of :

(a) activating a first function by a first pushing movement in from a neutral position;

(b) deactivating the first function by a second pushing movement in from the neutral position;

(c) activating a second function by a first pulling movement in from the neutral position; and

(d) deactivating the second function by a second pulling movement out from the neutral position;

in combination with the remaining claimed features.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3, and 9 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

10. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

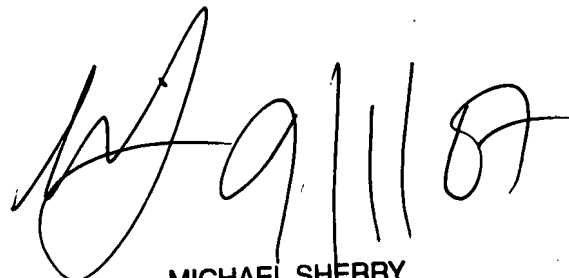
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hal I. Kaplan whose telephone number is 571-272-8587. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Sherry can be reached on 571-272-2084. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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